

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 29-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 8-18 are amended, and claims 29-32 are added. No new matter is added.

I. Restriction Requirement

Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-7, with traverse.

Claim 8 has been amended to cancel the non-elected subject matter and depend from claim 1. Therefore, claim 8, as well as claims 9-18 and 32 depending therefrom, should be considered along with claims 1-7. Furthermore, claim 1 is a generic claim to all Group of claims.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Upon allowance of generic claim 1, the Restriction Requirement must be withdrawn, and claim 8, and the claims depending therefrom, must be rejoined, and

similarly allowed. See MPEP §§809.03 and 821.04. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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